

Grandparents as Foster Parents

What does this appropriation support?

Provides cash assistance and other benefits and services for grandparent(s) and other relatives who have legal guardianship, legal custody of related children or have petitioned for legal guardianship/custody for children under the age of 19. Assistance is available to help maintain a permanent home for the child(ren).

Note: If Foster Parent training is completed the following additional services may also be available: Medicaid, child care, respite care, clothing allowance, emergency medical mileage, legal expenses up to \$500 and certain pre-approved special expenses. If Foster Parent training is refused, eligibility may exist for the same services except respite care, clothing allowance and emergency medical mileage.

What is the authorization for this program?

State statute: RSMo. 453.325, State regulation: 13 CSR 40-2.300

Is this a federally mandated program? No.

Are there federal matching requirements? No.

What are the expenditures?

	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Planned
GR	\$6,714,834	\$6,015,068	\$1,552,688	\$1,000,000
FEDERAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$6,714,834	\$6,015,068	\$1,552,688	\$1,000,000

What are the sources of other funds?

Not applicable

Who is eligible?

- A grandparent with gross income less than 200% of poverty who is caring for their biological or adoptive grandchild(ren). The grandparent(s) must be the legal guardian, have legal custody of the child(ren) or have petitioned the court for legal guardianship/custody for a child under age 19. If two grandparents live in the home with the child(ren), only one is required to be at least age 50.
- Other relative who is 50 or older with a gross income of 200% of poverty who is caring for a child(ren) under 19 if they have legal guardianship, custody of or have petitioned the courts for guardianship/custody.

- Grandparents, but not other relatives, may receive this type of assistance if they are under age 50, but they are subject to a 60-month time limit and work participation requirements.

How many people are served?

